

CENTRAL WASHINGTON AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Probably no team in the history of the NAIA national tournament has pulled more upsets, based on the tournament seedings than the Wildcats.

Only once since 1982 have the Wildcats lost to a team seeded below it. That came in 1993 when they lost to unseeded Midwestern State (Tex.).

During that same time period the Wildcats have won eight games against higher-seeded teams. CWU's biggest upset in the tournament came in 1977 when the 16th seeded 'Cats knocked off No. 1 Newberry, S.C. 58-57 in the second round.

Twice CWU has beat No. 2 seeds. In 1969, the 15th seeded 'Cats beat No. 2 Howard Payne 96-74. In 1967, No. 6 CWU beat No. 2 Eastern New Mexico 60-58 in the quarterfinals.

CWU's all-time record against seeded teams is 23-19, including a 7-10 mark against Top 4 seeded teams.

Since 1981, Central has won nine straight first-round games, three times knocking off seeded teams.

Despite its success in the national tournament (NAIA records for appearances, 26, and wins, 42 plus six Final 4s, 12 quarterfinals), CWU has been seed in the Top 8 just five times, the last time in 1980. CWU's 1970 team, which reached the championship game, is CWU's highest seeded team (3rd).

The Wildcats also reached the semifinals in 1967, 1969, 1985, 1987 and 1989, finishing third four times and fourth once. In 1985, CWU was unseeded, but reached the semifinals before losing to No. 1 Fort Hays State 65-64.

	vs. Seeds		Vs. Unseeds		Vs. Seeds Higher		Vs. Seeds	
Lower	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
CWU unseeded		4	7	1	0	4	7	0
0								
CWU seeded		19	12	16	6	11	10	8
2								
Totals	23	19	17	6	15	17	8	2

Note: CWU also participated in 1950 national tournament, posting 2-1 record, however teams were not seeded at nationals until 1957. CWU's overall national tournament record is 42-26.

CWU vs. Seeds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	Totals						
CWU seeded	1-1	2-2	1-3	2-1	1-0	1-1	3-1
0-1	1-0	2-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
1-0	19-12						
CWU unseeded	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1

	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	0-0	4-7						
Totals	1-2	2-2	1-4	3-2	1-1	1-1	3-2	0-2
	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
	23-18							

Year	CWU	Seed 1	2	3	4	5
1950	No	seeding	W	W	L	
1965	14	L-UNS				
1966	UNS	L-3				
1967	6	W-UNS	W-11	W-2	L-3	W-4*
1968	10	W-UNS	W-7	L-3		
1969	15	W-UNS	W-2	W-11	L-UNS	W-9*
1970	3	W-UNS	W-14	W-7	W-6	L-4
1971	16	W-UNS	L-1			
1974	UNS	L-4				
1975	6	W-UNS	L-11			
1976	13	W-UNS	L-4			
1977	16	W-UNS	W-1	L-8		
1978	14	L-UNS				
1979	7	W-UNS	L-UNS			
1980	7	W-UNS	W-10	L-2		
1981	UNS	L-10				
1982	15	W-UNS	L-UNS			
1984	UNS	W-12	L-5			
1985	UNS	W-12	W-UNS	W-4	L-1	L-7*
1986	14	W-UNS	W-3	L-11		
1987	10	W-UNS	W-7	W-15	L-6	W-16*
1989	13	W-UNS	W-4	W-5	L-8	
1990	7	W-UNS	W-10	L-2		
1993	10	W-UNS	L-UNS			
1995	UNS	W-9	L-8			

*Consolation game UNS - Unseeded.

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1997 UNS W-5 W-12 L-136-8

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